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E.O. 11652: GDS

OAGS: PINTN EG

SUBJ: GOE CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE ELECTION VIOLENCE

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1. GENERAL MUSTAFA EL SHEIKH, FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR FOR PUBLIC SECURITY , COMMENTED TO POLCOUNS NOV. 2 THAT GOE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE VIOLENCE DURING VOTING NOV. 4 IN DARB AL-AHMR SLUM DISTRICT IN CAIRO. DARB AL-AHMAR, WHICH WAS LOCALE OF UGLY ANTI-POLICE DEMONSTRATION IN SEPTEMBER (REFTEL), NOW SCENE OF PARTICULARLY BITTER ELECTION RUN OFF BETWEEN CENTER PLATFORM CANDIDATE , INCUMBENT 'ALWI HAFIZ, AND INDEPENDENT BUT LEFTIST-BACKED MUHAMMAD WAJIH "ABBAS (WHOM EL SHEIKH CALLED A /COMMUNIST").).

2. HAFIZ INFURIATED LEFT DURING SUMMER OF 1976 BY RUNNING EXCERPTS FROM FORTHCOMING MEMOIRES IN AKHBAR. HAFIZ CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN SECRET EMISSARY OF NASSER TO US DURING JOHNSON  
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ADMINISTRATION AND IS NOW ACCUSED BY LEFT OF BEING CIA

AGENT. SADAT RECENTLY ATTENDED WEDDING OF HAFIZ'S SON.

3. AKHBAR HAS ACCUSED NOTED LEFTIST AND FORMER MINPLANNING ISMAIL SABRI ABDALLAH OF PERSONALLY LEADING ANTI-HAFIZ CAMPAIGN FROM KHAWSH QADAM QUARTER OF DARB AL -AHMAR. IN OPEN LETTER TO AKHBAR NOV. 3, ABDALLAH DENIED VISITS TO DARB AL-AHMAR AND STATED THAT HE HAD NOT VISITED DISTRICT IN YEARS AND HAD BEEN IN ALGERIA DURING WEEK PRIOR TO OCT. 28 ELECTIONS.

4. WEEKLY SABAH AL-KHAYR REPORTS IN CURRENT ISSUE THAT PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON ABBAS FOLLOWERS IN DARB AL-AHMAR HAVE BEEN MADE BY KNIFE -WIELDING SUPPORTERS OF INCUMBENT HAFIZ AND THAT SITUATION BECOMING INCREASINGLY BITTER IN DISTRICT.

5. DAR AL -AHMAR NOT ONLY CURRENT GOE PROBLEM. IN KAMUZ DISTRICT OF ALEXANDRIA (PRIMIN SALIM'S CONSTITUENCY), FOLLOWERS OF ABU AL'IZZ AL-HARIRI (INDEPENDENT) AND AHMAD SHAHATA AWAD KUBBARA (CENTER), WHO CONTENTING WORKERS'S SEAT IN RUN OFF, CLASED NOV. 2 IN FRACAS RESULTING IN 12 INJURIES AND 15 ARRESTS, AKHBAR STORY REPORTS THAT ONCE POLICE INTERVENED, PARTISANS OF BOTH CANDIDATES TURNED ON POLICE AND STONED LOCAL POLICE STATION.

6. COMMENT: CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN GENERALLY PEACEFUL DESPITE SUCH OUTBREAKS AS REPORTED ABOVE, WHICH NONETHELESS ARE REPORTED IN EGYPTIAN PRESS AND NO EFFECT MADE TO CONCEAL VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTION. SINCE MUSTAFA EL SHEIKH LEAVING FOR TWO WEEK DEA- SPONSORED TOUR OF US ON NOV. 6, WE SURMISE THAT GOE CONFIDENT THAT CURRENT INCIDENTS WILL SUBSIDE AFTER ELECTIONS COMPLETED NOV. 4. EILTS

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